Optimum Utilization of Water

2946. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive plan has been prepared or is being prepared for optimum utilisation of water resources in the country for irrigation and other purposes and to evolve a better water management policy; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Government have formulated from time to time policies/programmes for optimum utilisation of water resources in the country for irrigation and other purposes. For maximising the availability of utilisable water, the Government has prepared national perspectives for transfer of water from surplus areas to water-deficit areas, which comprises two components viz., the Himalayan River Development Component and Peninsular River Development Component. The National Water Development Agency has been set up by the Government in 1982 for firming up these proposals. The National Water Policy formulated by the Government in 1987 lays emphasis on optimum utilisation of available water and suggests measures in this regard. The draft Irrigation Management Policy suggests measures for efficient utilisation of irrigation water. Other Programmes such as Command Area Development (CAD) and National Water Management Project (NWMP) also aim at this objective.

Atrocities Committed on SC/ST

2947. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of atrocities committed on Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes reported to his Ministry as on March 31, 1994: and

(b) the action initiated in each case?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b) The number of cases of atrocities committed on Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes during 1992, 1993 and 1994 (up to March) as reported by the States and U.Ts is given in the Statement. (*See* below). In respect of all these cases, appropriate action is taken by the State Governments and U.T. Administrations concerned under relevant provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the Indian Penal Code.

Statement

State/U.T-wise number of cases of atrocities committed on Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes during 1992, 1993 *and* 1994*(up to March) as reported by the State Governments and U. T. Administrations*

Sl. No.	State/U.T.	Number of cases against					
		Scheduled Tribes			Scheduled Castes		
		1992	1993	1994	1992	1993	1994
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andhra Pradesh	182	120	N. R	758	742	N. R
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	..	7	..	..	..	..
3.	Assam	..	..	N. R	..	..	N. R
4.	Bihar	470	4	N. R	680	528	N. R
5.	Goa	..	..	..	2	6	1
6.	Gujarat	169	340	109	1650	1693	466
7.	Haryana	..	..	..	85	73	26
8.	Himachal Pradesh	10	..	..	49	37	55
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	8	..	..	22	19	3
10.	Karnataka	5	110	26	720	751	252
11.	Kerala	202	95	N. R	703	530	148
12.	Madhya Pradesh	576	1586	537	4571	4387	1170
13.	Maharashtra	345	391	177	751	1496	366
14.	Manupur	1	1	..	..	..	..
15.	Orissa	131	171	54	383	477	8